

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Page 2: Please amend the paragraph containing the priority information as follows:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/895,612, filed July 16, 1997 (now copending U.S. Patent 6,307,868, issued October 23, 2001), invented by Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda Azenkot, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/684,243, filed July 19, 1996 (currently copending now U.S. Patent 6,307,868, issued March 12, 2002), invented by Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda Azenkot which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/616,071, filed March 14, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,745,837, issued April 28, 1998), invented by Amir Fuhrmann and a continuation-inpart of U.S patent application Serial No. 08/588,650, filed January 19, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,793,759, issued August 11, 1998), invented by Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda Azenkot, which was a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent application Serial No. 08/519,630 filed Aug. 25, 1995 (now U.S. Patent 5,768,269, issued June 16, 1998), invented by Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda Azenkot the contents of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference. This application is also a continuation-in-part application of a U.S. patent application entitled LOWER OVERHEAD METHOD FOR DATATRANSMISSION USING ATM AND SCDMA OVER HYBRID FIBER COAX CABLE PLANT, Serial NO. 08/760,412 filed December 4, 1996 (now U.S. Patent 5,991,308, issued November 23, 1999), invented by Amir Fuhrmann, Selim Shlomo Rakib and Yehuda Azenkotg, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--